

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2, 5-20, 22-24, and 27-36 are pending. Claims 7, 9-17, 19-20, 22-24, and 27-36 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. By this Amendment, claim 1 and 19 are amended. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter; (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place the application in better form for appeal, if necessary. Entry is thus requested.

The Office Action objected to claim 19 because of informalities. Claim 19 has been amended to correct informalities and the claim status correctly provided. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-2, 5-6, 8, and 18 over Ryuta, JP07-287911. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, wherein at least a portion of an edge of the tray has the same end or does not protrude beyond an end of a disk seated in the

disk-seating portion. Ryuta does not disclose or suggest such features, or the claimed combination of independent claim 1.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claim 1 over Ryuta should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 2, 5-6, 8, and 18 are allowable over Ryuta at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, from which they depend, as well as for their added features.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

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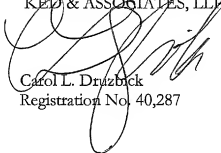
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Reply to Office Action of April 6, 2007

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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